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**COUNTRY:** Germany  
**SUBJECT:** Freies Deutschland Komitee.

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**EVALUATION:**

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1.

the Freies Deutschland Komitee is no longer in existence. The organization was dissolved, by the Russians, because it had achieved negligible success in its work. Since the original mission, the disintegration of the German eastern front, could not be accomplished, the Russians, are no longer interested in the organization's continued existence.

**NOTE:** Dissolution of the Freies Deutschland organization was announced officially in September 1945. Reports have been received since then, however, that the organization continues to function. It is unlikely that the above represents the final word on the subject.

2. Field Marshall PAULUS and his close co-worker, General von SEIDLITZ, are reportedly sending trained members of Freies Deutschland to Germany from their headquarters near MOSCOW, to fill important posts in German public life. This is done under Russian political control, but also in close cooperation with special Russian authorities. These former German officers and non-commissioned officers, trained in Russia by PAULUS' staff, are supposedly to take over positions within the German administration when the occupation is over, in order to penetrate Germany with a network of officials who receive their orders from the Oberkommando or administrative staff of Freies Deutschland. Quite a number of higher officers have already completed their training and are in key positions in the Russian Zone of Germany. They include:

Major Walter BECHLER, Ministry of Interior in Brandenburg.  
Colonel Paul MARKGRAF, Chief of Police in Berlin.  
Captain Ernst HADERNMANN, Director for German school authorities in the Russian Zone.  
Major SEITZ, Oberbürgermeister in Schwerin, Mecklenburg.  
Captain FROST, Oberbürgermeister in Stralsund, Mecklenburg.  
Lt. Colonel Hans KAHLE, Chief of Police in Mecklenburg.  
SIMON, Ministerial Director in the Mecklenburg Cabinet.

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Major WELS, General Director of DEWAG (Dresdener Elektrizitäts  
und Wasser A.G.)

Major ULLRICH, Oberbürgermeister of Bautzen, Land Saxony.

The named officers and their comrades look to the same circles in Germany for political protection as the known German Communist leader Wilhelm PIECK. PIECK, who also has Russian citizenship, is a Colonel in the Soviet Army, and is well-known as one of the founders of the Freies Deutschland movement in MOSCOW.

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